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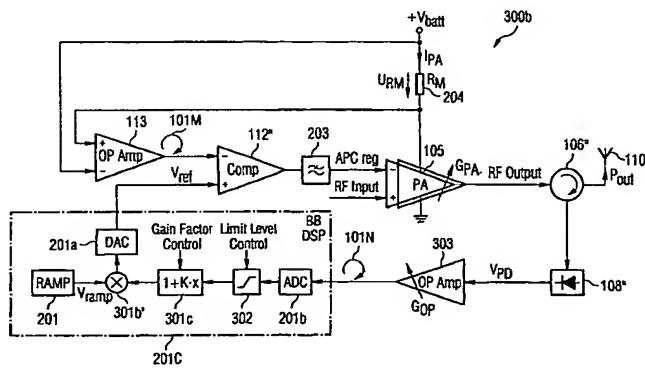
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(54) Title: ADDITIONAL REGULATION OF THE REFERENCE SIGNAL OF THE AUTOMATIC POWER CONTROL IN A MOBILE TERMINAL



(57) Abstract: The present invention generally relates to the field of automatic power control (APC) circuitries used in the analog front end of a mobile transmitter. It particularly refers to a power control circuitry (101M, 101N) and a corresponding method for controlling the power level ( $P_{out}$ ) of an RF signal ( $x(t)$ ) to be transmitted at the output port of a variable-gain power amplifier (105) by performing an additional regulation of the APC loop's reference signal ( $V_{ref}$ ). Thereby, it is proposed to increase the radiated RF power ( $P_{out}$ ) in case a transmitting antenna (110) is mismatched to said power amplifier (105) in order to not release an ongoing call. In case there is a subject very close to the terminal antenna, the antenna load is changed and the increased reflected signal is measured. In a closed loop this increased reflected signal is mixed with a reference ramp signal ( $V_{ramp}$ ) which is used to calculate (S1a) a reference signal ( $V_{ref}$ ) representing the nominal power level ( $P_{ref}$ ) for the power ( $P_{out}$ ) of the RF signal ( $x(t)$ ) to be transmitted, which leads to an increasing of the radiated power and prevents said call from being released. The step of calculating (S1a) the reference signal ( $V_{ref}$ ) as a function of the reference ramp signal ( $V_{ramp}$ ) and a DC feedback signal ( $V_{PD}$ ) is realized by the substeps of multiplying (S1a') a processed version ( $K \cdot G_{OP} \cdot V_{PD}$ ) of the DC feedback signal ( $V_{PD}$ ) by the reference ramp signal ( $V_{ramp}$ ) and adding (S1a'') the output signal ( $V_{ramp} \cdot K \cdot G_{OP} \cdot V_{PD}$ ) of the multiplication step (S1a') to the reference ramp signal ( $V_{ramp}$ ), thereby yielding said reference signal ( $V_{ref}$ ).



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